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Closing Remarks by

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SAMOA Pathway

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Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen

I would like to open my short remarks by once more thanking the Government and people of Mauritius for your warm hospitality extended to us during the meeting. You have so capably and efficiently steered and chaired this important meeting and so thank you from all of us for this, too. Thank you

And to you all - congratulations on the outcomes of this meeting.

The AIMS regional report has clearly outlined both the trends as well as the challenges the region faces in implementing the SAMOA Pathway.

You have identified areas of priority where you share concerns, you have established an AIMS position, and this can now guide you throughout the preparatory process and towards the Mid-Term Review next year.

By focusing on means of implementation, the means of DOING, you can now effectively address the range of challenges of the AIMS countries in implementing the SAMOA Pathway.

These challenges are identified as ...

You have decided on a set of practical, action-oriented recommendations for the accelerated implementation of the SAMOA Pathway over the next five years. ...

You stressed the importance of aligning the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway with that of the 2030 Agenda and other international processes and to align the within national plans and priorities. ...

The critical importance of partnerships is well recognized and with respect to partnerships ...

Today, let us celebrate the progress we have made- and TOMORROW LET US START THE WORK.

In closing, I wish to assure once more that the United Nations system with its combined capacities is committed to support you as you move forward with the preparations for the Mid-Term Review.

We together must carry forward the momentum that you have generated and carry it into the other major follow-up processes of the 2030 Agenda as well. ...

This is a journey and we look forward to continuing this journey with you in the shared spirit and ambition to accelerate progress toward the sustainable and inclusive development of SIDS and their peoples.